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Dear Mrs. French-Gonsalves:

Subject: Rancho Encantada (Montecito-LDR 99-0295 and Sycamore Estates-LDR 99-0899)

The California Department of Transportation (Department) and McMillin Land Development (McMillin) have been coordinating the Mitigation Measures associated with the Rancho Encantada project. The following is a summary of this coordination:

- 1) The Department has received \$2.75 million from McMillin (via the City of San Diego) toward improvements on Interstate 15 (I-15) which are now under construction. This project will add an additional northbound and southbound lane through the Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch area, along with miscellaneous improvements described in Items 3 and 4 below. Project completion is expected by 2008.
- 2) \$250,000 has been set aside by McMillin as required by the Scripps Ranch community for studying a 'bypass lane' at the I-15/Miramar Rd/Pomerado Rd interchange. It is our understanding that the City of San Diego will take the lead in this study. The Department strongly recommends it be closely consulted and/or participate in any study so issues affecting the freeway are adequately addressed. We also recommend any savings from this study be reserved for improvements at that interchange.
- 3) Project Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Item 5-8 requires construction of an additional lane for the I-15 northbound off-ramp to Miramar Road/Pomerado Road. This work will be included as part of Item 1.
- 4) Project Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Item 5-7 requires construction of improvements to the eastbound Pomerado Road merge from the I-15 northbound off-ramp. The Department and McMillin have coordinated the design. Improvements within State right of way will be incorporated as part of Item 1, with improvements outside State right of way to be handled by McMillin.
- 5) The Project Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Item 5-8 requires improvements to the I-15 southbound on-ramp from westbound Pomerado Road. As previously noted, these improvements are not compatible with the improvements in Item 1, and are therefore not recommended.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (619)-688-3167.

Sincerely,

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